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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

Compiled in the Statistics Division, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture
Based on Statistics Published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and
the Canada Department of Agriculture.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about December 1, 1954, they held 1,896.0 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 2 per cent greater than the 1,858.3 million available last year. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on farm stocks, (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,121.4 (1,019.2); Canada, 635.9 (745.4); Australia, 93.8 (35.7); and Argentina, 44.9 (58.0).

Canada's exports of wheat and flour August 1 to December 1, 1954-5 crop year was 97.3 million bushels compared to 103.4 million exported in the same period last year. Of the total 42 per cent was shipped to Britain. In November, 24.6 million bushels were exported compared to 24.2 million in November 1953.

COARSE GRAINS:

Effective January 4, the Canadian Wheat Board authorized a supplementary quota of three bushels of barley per acre seeded to barley. It was stated, "the Board wishes to encourage deliveries of barley, particularly feeding grades". However, while Alberta farmers' deliveries between August 1 and December 1, 1954, were nearly 30 per cent greater than in the same period for 1953, deliveries have fallen off since that date.

LIVESTOCK:

Livestock market receipts increased in 1954 over 1953 for cattle, calves and sheep and lambs. Hog marketings started the year at levels below marketings for 1953 but increased from May on to record a slight increase over the year.

The price of hogs fluctuated widely throughout the year but averaged a little above the average for the previous year. On the other hand, prices paid for cattle, calves and sheep and lambs fluctuated remarkably little at somewhat lower levels than in 1953.

The total value of livestock marketed was only slightly higher than in 1953.

DAIRYING:

In the month of December, 1954, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,435,000 pounds compared to 1,362,000 pounds in December, 1953, an increase of 5.4 per cent.

POULTRY:

The estimated average number of laying hens onfarms in December 1954 were 3,464,000 with net production of 3,779,000 dozen eggs. In December 1953, there were 3,036,000 hens on farms producing 3,707,000 dozen eggs. In the months compared production per hen was reduced from 14.8 to 13.2.

FARM CASH INCOME:

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' first estimate of farm cash income for 1954 is $394,102,000 compared to $491,529,000 in 1953 and $506,529,000 in 1952.

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FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

CROP YEAR - August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954
August 1, 1954 - July 31, 1955

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of December	17,710	12,039	3,079	1,495	5,138	2,991	370	394	138	146
August - December	49,950	29,851	13,548	11,345	18,831	20,565	1,776	2,294	1,454	1,475
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Income From Grain:										
Per Bushel - December	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.76[2]	0.89[3]	2.37[2]	2.67[3]
					- thousands of dollars -					
Income for:										
Month of December	20,189	13,484	1,509	673	3,751	1,974	281	351	327	390
August - December	56,943	33,433	6,639	5,105	13,747	13,573	1,350	2,293	3,446	3,652
Payments on Canadian Wheat Board Participation Certificates:	No payments in December									
August - December	16,533	11,052	3,433	1,833	7,108	3,325				
Total Income:										
August - December	73,476	44,485	10,072	6,938	20,855	16,898	1,350	2,293	3,446	3,652

Summary Statement of Income from all grains including payments on Participation Certificates:		December	August - December
	1953-54	$ 26,057,000	$ 109,199,000
	1954-55	16,872,000	74,266,000

1. Estimated average Canadian Wheat Board initial payments.
2. Final estimate average value per bushel of 1953 crop.
3. Monthly average of weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations, 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flax seed.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of December:								
Calgary	17.19	18.86	16.42	16.42	19.47	17.52	30.15	23.54
Edmonton	17.46	18.02	19.21	16.75	19.40	17.75	30.58	23.99
Lethbridge	17.37	19.31	-	-	19.43	17.42	30.01	23.69
January - December:								
Calgary	18.89	18.56	21.36	19.72	21.33	19.44	28.77	28.76
Edmonton	18.22	17.91	22.96	20.43	20.89	19.88	28.70	29.33
Lethbridge	18.29	18.41	21.27	18.82	20.68	19.13	28.47	28.54

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN
BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio *

1933-53	1953	Nov.1953	Nov.1954	Dec.1954
21.5	22.2	27.5	18.0	19.1

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1953	Nov.1953	Nov.1954	Dec.1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	84.7	76.8	103.3	97.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	**90.2**	92.8	85.9	94.0	95.9
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	90.9	109.9	**101.5**

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premiums.

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1954, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- number of head -				
Month of December	38,505	56,427	9,468	12,494	10,425	12,801	154,204	192,334
January - December	471,634	561,647	113,676	132,496	112,523	122,225	1,432,438	1,461,770
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of December	9,958	12,322	3,278	4,718	1,732	832	-	-
January - December	75,700	93,959	23,933	25,269	14,296	13,955	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of December	28,547	44,105	6,190	7,776	8,693	11,969	154,204	192,334
January - December	395,934	467,688	89,743	107,227	98,227	108,270	1,432,438	1,461,770
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of December	x	2,331	x	854	x	183	x	2,117
January - December	x	30,897	x	9,451	x	2,243	x	26,650
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of December	30,878	46,436	7,044	8,630	8,876	12,152	156,321	194,451
January - December	426,831	498,585	99,194	116,678	100,470	110,513	1,459,088	1,488,420
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars-				
Month of December	$ 3,922,000	5,804,000	352,000	406,000	160,000	194,000	7,660,000	7,389,000
January - December	$ 66,390,000	67,672,000	5,463,000	5,516,000	1,900,000	1,994,000	66,470,000	68,445,000

	December		January - December	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
Estimated total income from the Sale of Livestock:	$ 12,094,000	13,793,000	140,223,000	143,627,000

x Not Available.

In calculating total net marketings and values it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings in 1954.

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,232	1,370	23,443	23,702	739	808	13,373	13,518
Dairy Butter	5	5	87	64	3	3	49	35
Milk for Cheese Making	1,529	1,309	28,842	27,093	38	30	656	616
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream*	9,472	10,802	131,282	128,755	274	301	3,628	3,538
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,435	18,144	177,441	187,453	749	826	8,043	8,502
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - $					1,803	1,968	25,749	26,209

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to Milk Basis.

	DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,433,000	1,645,800	15,948,000	15,905,400	484,700	450,800	5,960,300	4,802,800
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	4,465,100	5,863,074	9,838,000	11,218,600	1,294,900	996,700	2,961,900	2,217,200
TOTAL VALUE EGGS and POULTRY					$ 1,779,600	1,447,500	8,922,200	7,020,000

COMPILED BY ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. Or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	29,787,749	27,999,604	- 6.00	2,081,916	2,312,574	11.08
	- Production	Barrels	3,457,643	2,955,788	-14.51	312,599	275,052	-12.01
		Value $.	33,980,712	28,335,739	-16.61	3,177,186	2,637,948	-16.97
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	30,008,569*	30,367,850*	1.20	1,408,620*	1,476,261	4.80
		Value $.	17,497,996*	17,613,353*	.66	859,258*	893,138	3.94
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,789,608	2,579,623*	- 7.53	168,126	118,831	-29.32
		Value $.	926,708	864,173*	- 6.75	56,322*	39,214	-30.38
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	30,248,404	31,895,513	5.45	2,365,979	2,576,665	8.90
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	116,141,679	122,570,653	5.54	9,301,857	9,468,724	1.79
	- Production -	Meat Lbs.	292,671,366	316,211,817	8.04	23,480,484	29,418,545	25.29
		Value $.	86,398,124	89,511,572	3.60	6,973,489	7,234,051	3.74
	- Exports -	Meat Lbs.	145,521,918	153,863,948	5.73	11,317,073	13,909,006	22.90
		Value $.	43,171,332	43,533,004	.84	3,361,171	3,420,225	1.76

* Revised.

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	5,917,423	4,859,136	-17.88	680,418	529,861	-22.13
		Value $.	32,158,435	26,349,275	-18.06	3,707,641	2,921,066	-21.21
Salt	Production	Tons	24,903	31,568	26.76	2,071	3,048	47.18
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	119,036,052	124,095,189	4.25	8,603,169	9,602,367	11.61
Propane	Production	Gallons	15,157,881	16,610,523	9.58	1,387,594	1,488,512	7.27
	Sales	Gallons	15,593,377	16,780,058	7.61	1,705,158	1,524,623	-10.59
Butane	Production	Gallons	6,944,040	7,683,282	10.65	626,360	678,237	8.28
	Sales	Gallons	3,551,072	6,586,532	85.48	611,842	673,499	10.08
Sulphur	Production	Tons	18,295	22,320	22.00	1,976	2,555	29.30
	Sales	Tons	16,075	18,663	16.10	2,946	1,486	-49.56
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,851,760	2,968,405	4.09	262,691	241,142	- 8.20
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	16,662,398	16,638,825	- .14	1,412,840	1,032,149	-26.95
Cement	Production	Barrels	3,124,176	3,004,087	- 3.84	254,310	214,190	-15.78
		Value $.	7,987,944	7,685,930	- 3.78	651,034	582,597	-10.51
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	549,381	645,208	17.44	40,100	53,573	33.60
	Production	Tons	28,807*	32,285*	12.07	1,612	2,546	57.94
		Value $.	378,932*	480,528*	26.81	26,025	33,435	28.47

* Adjustment

(1) SOURCE: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	69,202,271	79,092,113	14.29	7,162,310	7,377,182	3.00
	Value of Sales	$.	172,120,111	206,572,612	20.02	19,282,913	18,565,237	- 3.72
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	100,922,479	121,229,171	20.12	11,550,178	12,321,446	6.68
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	63,527,139	66,226,276	4.25	6,603,419	6,535,482	- 1.03
	Exports	Gallons	1,747,920,138	2,378,732,881	36.09	152,834,011	231,267,890	51.32
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production	Gallons	638,421,806	628,786,472	- 1.51	59,667,858	58,881,389	- 1.32
	Imports	Gallons	15,676,554	11,537,784	- 26.40	1,368,401	651,083	- 52.42
	Exports	Gallons	145,802,396	143,242,293	- 1.76	12,616,422	11,944,477	- 5.33
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production	Barrels	541,487	600,492	10.90	58,359	61,080	4.66
	Value of Sales	$.	1,587,772	1,781,648	12.21	189,413	175,837	- 7.17

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, November, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Month Inc.or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	411,091,000	354,016,000	-13.88	57,359,000	37,316,000	-34.94
		Value $.	16,443,600	14,160,600	-13.88	2,294,400	1,492,600	-34.95
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products		$.	20,044,000	17,761,000	-11.39	2,798,000	1,997,000	-28.63
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,492,729	1,270,049	-14.92	126,379	203,444	60.98
		Value $.	1,447,172	1,190,886	-17.71	81,756	149,037	82.29
Fisheries Production 9 Mos. (Jan.-Sept.)		Lbs.	8,103,270	7,419,695	- 8.44	-	-	-
		Value $.	732,247	941,759	28.61	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	558,695,749	537,447,898	- 3.80	40,652,438	43,203,766	6.28
Machinery, Agricultural	- Gross Sales	$.	62,808,303	40,079,750	-36.19	1,276,571	730,306	-42.79
Machinery, Other	- Gross Sales	$.	27,057,228	22,654,227	-16.27	1,170,402	1,069,871	- 8.59
Bank Debits (4) *Revised		$.	9,041,687,000	9,082,402,000*	.45	799,234,000	841,544,000	5.29
			(Jan. - Dec.)	(Jan. - Dec.)	Inc. %	(Jan. 1954)	(Jan. 1955)	Inc. %
Bank Clearings		$.	3,975,399,094	4,584,251,823	15.32	326,518,387	397,407,376	21.71

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Department Store Sales (1)		$.	89,307,000	88,613,000	- .78	10,945,000	10,792,000	- 1.40
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	882,109,000	817,555,000	- 7.32	79,674,000	76,501,000	- 3.98
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	40,322	28,655	-28.93	2,535	1,923	-24.14
		Value $.	100,748,000	74,215,000	-26.34	6,438,000	5,127,000	-20.36
Customs' Duty Receipts		$.	15,783,119	13,151,507	-16.67	1,274,311	1,230,134	- 3.47
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	1,188,387,000	1,353,044,000	13.86	120,271,000	136,328,000	13.35

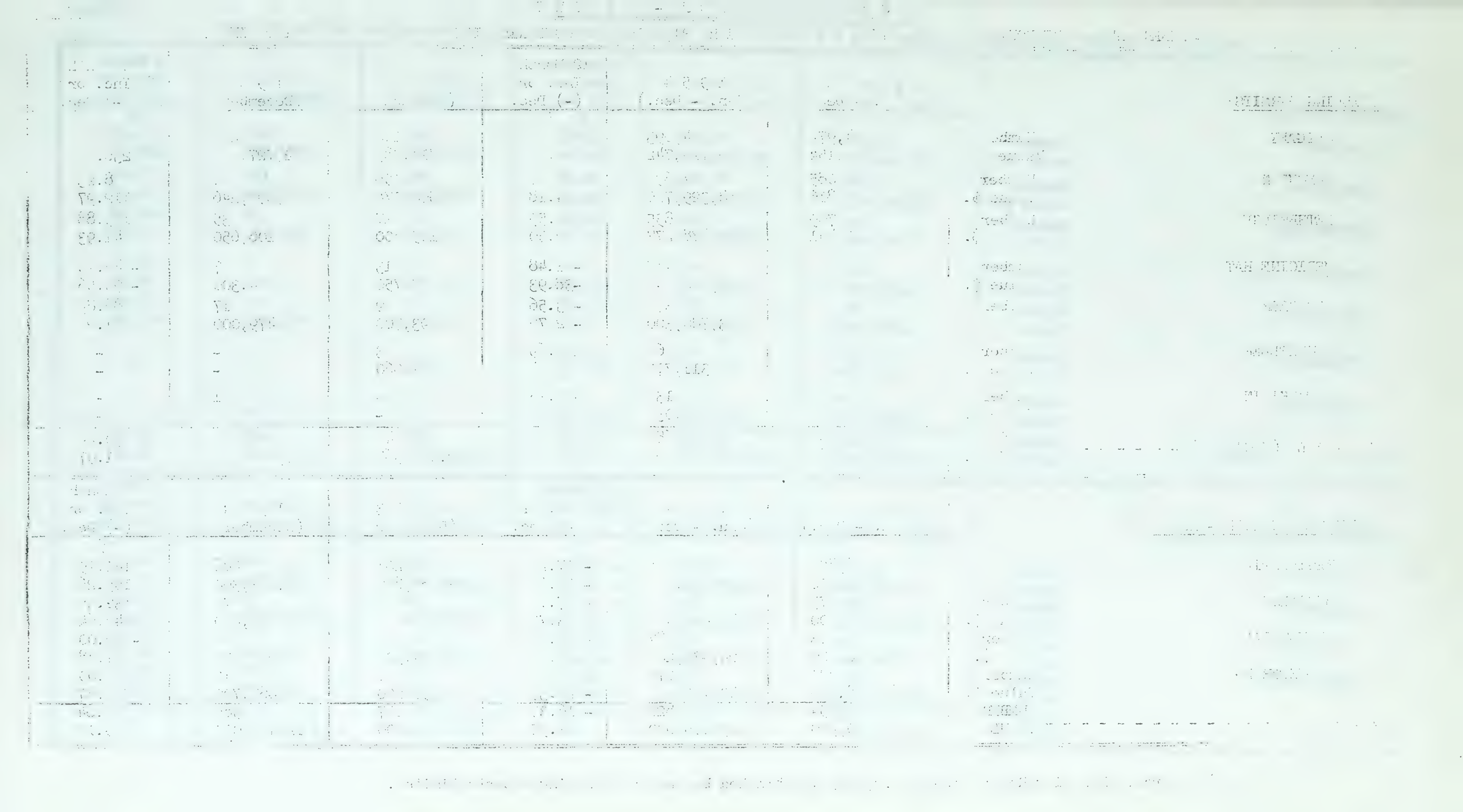
(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. II, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVI, No. II, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. II, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 11, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	4,972	4,093	-17.68	140	212	51.43
	Value $.	42,121,154	46,729,742	10.94	811.283	2,727,258	236.17
EDMONTON	Number	7,085	7,699	8.67	158	171	8.23
	Value $.	55,023,816	68,329,716	24.18	890,374	1,896,246	112.97
LETHBRIDGE	Number	709	855	20.59	17	35	105.88
	Value $.	7,429,441	8,878,277	19.50	145,600	206,650	41.93
MEDICINE HAT	Number	474	467	- 1.48	13	7	- 46.15
	Value $.	3,960,220	2,418,349	-38.93	977,750	4,300	- 99.56
RED DEER	Number	393	379	- 3.56	9	17	88.89
	Value $.	3,885,250	3,780,300	- 2.70	93,700	479,000	411.21
DRUMHELLER	Number	65	60	- 7.69	3	-	-
	Value $.	133,045	311,773	134.34	1,660	-	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	134	133	- .75	-	1	-
	Value $.	1,279,840	621,030	-51.48	-	600	-
TOTAL (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,832	13,686	- 1.06	340	443	30.29
	VALUE $.	113,832,766	131,069,187	15.14	2,920,367	5,314,054	81.97

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	6,825	5,648	- 17.25	201	486	141.79
	Value $.	80,982,600	58,595,300	- 27.64	2,069,800	5,283,300	155.26
BUSINESS	Number	875	807	- 7.77	34	79	132.35
	Value $.	60,113,700	86,401,400	43.73	1,872,500	6,434,600	243.64
INDUSTRIAL	Number	123	87	- 29.27	10	8	- 20.00
	Value $.	9,836,600	24,476,200	148.83	2,564,500	218,400	- 91.48
ENGINEERING	Number	331	279	- 15.71	2	12	500.00
	Value $.	64,078,000	49,732,100	- 22.39	50,200	467,700	831.67
TOTAL	NUMBER	8,154	6,821	- 16.35	247	585	136.84
	VALUE $	215,010,900	219,205,000	1.95	6,557,000	12,404,000	89.17

(1) Source: Building Reporter, January, 1955, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.



BUILDING - PERMITS

1954 AS COMPARED WITH 1953 - 90 MUNICIPALITIES - ALBERTA

1953 No.	1953 Amount $		1954 No.	1954 Amount $
13,832	113,832,766	CITIES (7)	13,689	131,108,337
4,972	42,121,154	Calgary	4,093	46,729,742
7,085	55,023,816	Edmonton	7,699	68,329,716
709	7,429,441	Lethbridge	855	8,878,277
474	3,960,220	Medicine Hat	467	2,457,449
393	3,885,250	Red Deer	379	3,780,350
65	133,045	Drumheller	63	311,773
134	1,279,840	Wetaskiwin	133	621,030
4,165	21,757,647	OTHER MUNICIPALITIES (83)	3,239	16,605,115
37	192,400	Athabasca	29	541,300
23	94,950	Barrhead	24	157,500
5	6,800	Bashaw	8	25,100
3	13,350	Bassano	9	20,400
16	32,800	Beaverlodge	8	34,200
269	1,165,951	Beverly	181	702,440
9	7,550	Black Diamond	28	111,630
17	11,575	Blairmore	13	11,650
54	438,400	Bonnyville	54	604,500
72	352,750	Bow Island	38	160,000
48	231,375	Brooks	48	131,350
258	2,012,448	Camrose	163	1,550,980
16	47,600	Cardston	24	71,100
4	14,200	Carstairs	6	28,500
25	202,150	Castor	21	153,000
42	329,550	Claresholm	34	250,100
19	31,460	Coleman	3	7,300
1	9,000	Coronation	2	11,000
5	16,000	Crossfield	3	13,000
25	74,600	Daysland	26	87,680
8	56,710	Devon	12	41,050
21	359,000	Didsbury	11	11,970
95	404,850	Edson	82	604,160
15	68,800	Elk Point	9	27,700
37	107,000	Fairview	34	105,050
2	8,000	Falher	9	49,716
194	575,300	Forest Lawn	106	317,521
25	237,775	Fort Macleod	11	72,365
49	841,623	Ft. Saskatchewan	90	896,137
7	27,700	Gleichen	1	800
160	526,687	Grande Prairie	214	522,152
39	297,900	Hanna	28	153,240
3	7,500	Hardisty	13	21,200
36	307,080	High Prairie	46	364,420
31	484,000	High River	20	86,308
19	84,100	Holden	11	24,250
44	131,990	Innisfail	27	100,025
596	1,884,825	Jasper Place	420	1,024,204
7	81,500	Killam	2	18,000
23	244,060	Lac La Biche	22	461,650
94	358,975	Lacombe	88	691,950
9	51,700	Lamont	6	52,255
43	107,225	Leduc	23	87,380
216	851,303	Lloydminister	141	807,181
24	15,495	McLennan	36	37,770
5	54,325	Magrath	9	93,750
19	35,245	Mannville	32	55,590
8	27,787	Milk River	12	94,750
12	16,100	Mirror	6	11,500
13	44,300	Morinville	16	32,900
24	13,685	Mundare	10	16,800
24	29,355	Okotoks	18	20,250
39	138,530	Olds	32	99,325
14	19,500	Oyen	18	69,300
61	260,500	Peace River	28	92,200
33	216,075	Pincher Creek	8	24,600
147	670,660	Ponoka	116	469,300
18	56,015	Provost	24	178,950
15	266,760	Raymond	11	61,300
65	242,225	Redcliff	44	210,275
33	90,930	Redwater	11	24,400
23	229,725	Rimbey	22	40,325
26	323,895	Rocky Mtn. House	32	177,450
35	81,950	St. Albert	46	99,725
65	320,300	St. Paul	34	125,400
16	97,000	Sedgewick	10	33,100
9	61,200	Smoky Lake	10	32,050
12	75,200	Spirit River	8	18,150
2	8,860	Stavely	6	8,600
130	1,174,305	Stettler	126	683,090
29	176,200	Stony Plain	26	277,550
7	71,500	Strathmore	-	-
29	41,750	Sylvan Lake	38	50,450
96	1,201,790	Taber	45	945,236
45	163,795	Three Hills	36	102,900
13	89,200	Tofield	14	137,500
Nil	Nil	Trochu	4	21,000
80	780,195	Vegreville	64	581,090
45	184,225	Vermilion	38	95,065
50	141,625	Viking	29	83,260
61	501,770	Vulcan	24	74,650
112	339,830	Wainwright	36	120,150
5	105,333	Westlock	12	92,000

SUMMARY

CITIES

1953 No.	1953 $	1954 No.	1954 $
13,832	113,832,766	13,689	131,108,337
OTHER MUNICIPALITIES			
4,165	21,757,647	3,239	16,605,115
17,997	135,590,413	16,928	147,713,452

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	663,660	641,911	- 3.28	10,851	21,222	95.58
Elk Island	175,323	153,632	-12.37	300	750	150.00
Jasper	132,702	120,891	- 8.90	256	236	- 7.81
Waterton Lakes	206,587	219,621	6.31	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,178,272	1,136,055	- 3.58	11,407	22,208	- 94.69

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	358	380	6.15	22	33	50.00
Carway	15,802	16,790	6.25	90	222	146.67
Chief Mountain	11,289	11,363	.66	-	-	-
Coutts	38,153	39,012	2.25	1,354	1,856	37.08
Del Bonita	1,409	1,469	4.26	91	120	31.87
Wild Horse	693	792	14.29	36	40	11.11
TOTAL	67,704	69,806	3.10	1,593	2,271	42.56

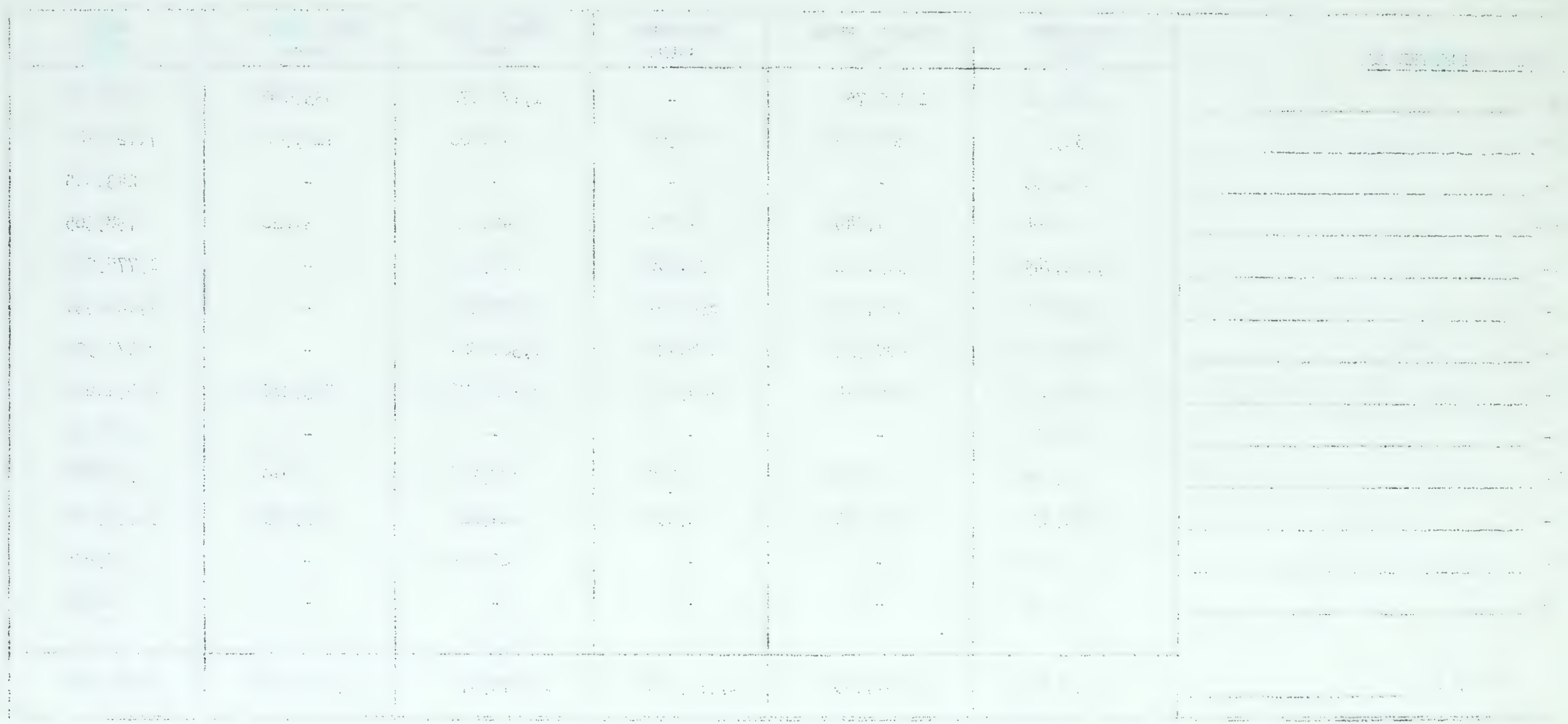
(1) SOURCE: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

N O V E M B E R - 1 9 5 4

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A	1,984,360	1,140,755	-	1,173,270	533,680	4,832,065
AA	4,851,977	2,308,635	105,350	347,480	112,700	7,726,142
B-	243,355	-	-	-	-	243,355
BB-	27,294	94,549	64,857	548,437	3,228	738,365
C-	1,112,749	509,241	93,856*	247,137	-	1,775,271
G-	350,212	355,395	634,187	7,826,537	-	9,166,331
H-	4,593,307	408,353	208,436	1,361,804	-	6,571,900
J-	11,510,392	4,256,974	469,326	3,711,176	583,362	20,531,230
L-	1,186,220	-	-	-	-	1,186,220
M-	69,780	97,658	15,680*	422,216	910	574,884
N-	3,245,235	686,385	1,190*	1,214,220	185,675	5,330,325
O-	1,611	-	-	122,294	-	123,905
P-	81,396	-	-	-	-	81,396
T O T A L	29,257,888	9,857,945	1,371,430	16,974,571	1,419,555	58,881,389

* Adjustment - Deduct.



WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (December)	1954 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	93,691,433	77,361,877	-17.43	4,916,512	5,611,369	14.13
Boots and Shoes	2,880,937	2,640,510	- 8.35	139,436	237,713	70.48
Drugs	8,487,858	8,918,334	5.07	648,165	631,849	- 2.52
Dry Goods	13,420,958	12,012,327	-10.50	669,294	683,204	2.08
Electrical Appliances and Radios	45,444,087	47,908,144	5.42	3,199,301	3,685,156	15.19
Florists	515,011	508,941	- 1.18	58,975	65,361	10.83
Furniture	5,635,842	4,182,752	-25.78	349,936	291,091	-16.82
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	143,485,218	148,120,386	3.23	12,349,399	13,064,438	5.79
Hardware	70,933,705	61,505,185	-13.29	5,014,940	5,296,427	5.61
Lumber and Building Supplies	48,714,798	49,781,159	2.19	3,333,329	3,134,790	- 5.96
Paints and Varnishes	8,716,977	8,549,348	- 1.92	431,805	470,311	8.92
Paper	10,086,016	9,779,045	- 3.04	759,422	773,887	1.90
Tobacco	19,495,088	19,853,741	1.84	1,815,909	1,904,000	4.85
Oilfield Supplies	9,982,846	12,474,536	24.96	696,305	1,040,703	49.46
Carbonated Beverages	20,244,810	18,631,183	- 7.97	2,022,747	1,984,364	- 1.90
Miscellaneous	56,960,165	55,220,430	- 3.05	4,246,963	4,329,103	1.93
TOTAL	558,695,749	537,447,898	- 3.80	40,652,438	43,203,766	6.28
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	135,986,875	131,319,898	- 3.43	10,152,107	10,831,814	6.70
Edmonton	120,327,341	119,645,810	- .57	9,416,189	9,570,824	1.64
Lethbridge	19,443,516	18,817,580	- 3.22	1,780,916	1,676,017	- 5.89
Medicine Hat	2,076,992	2,025,752	- 2.47	146,974	164,096	11.65
Smaller Centres	7,415,007	6,928,815	- 6.56	623,316	541,766	-13.08
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	273,446,018	258,710,043	- 5.39	18,532,936	20,419,249	10.18
TOTAL	558,695,749	537,447,898	- 3.80	40,652,438	43,203,766	6.28

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

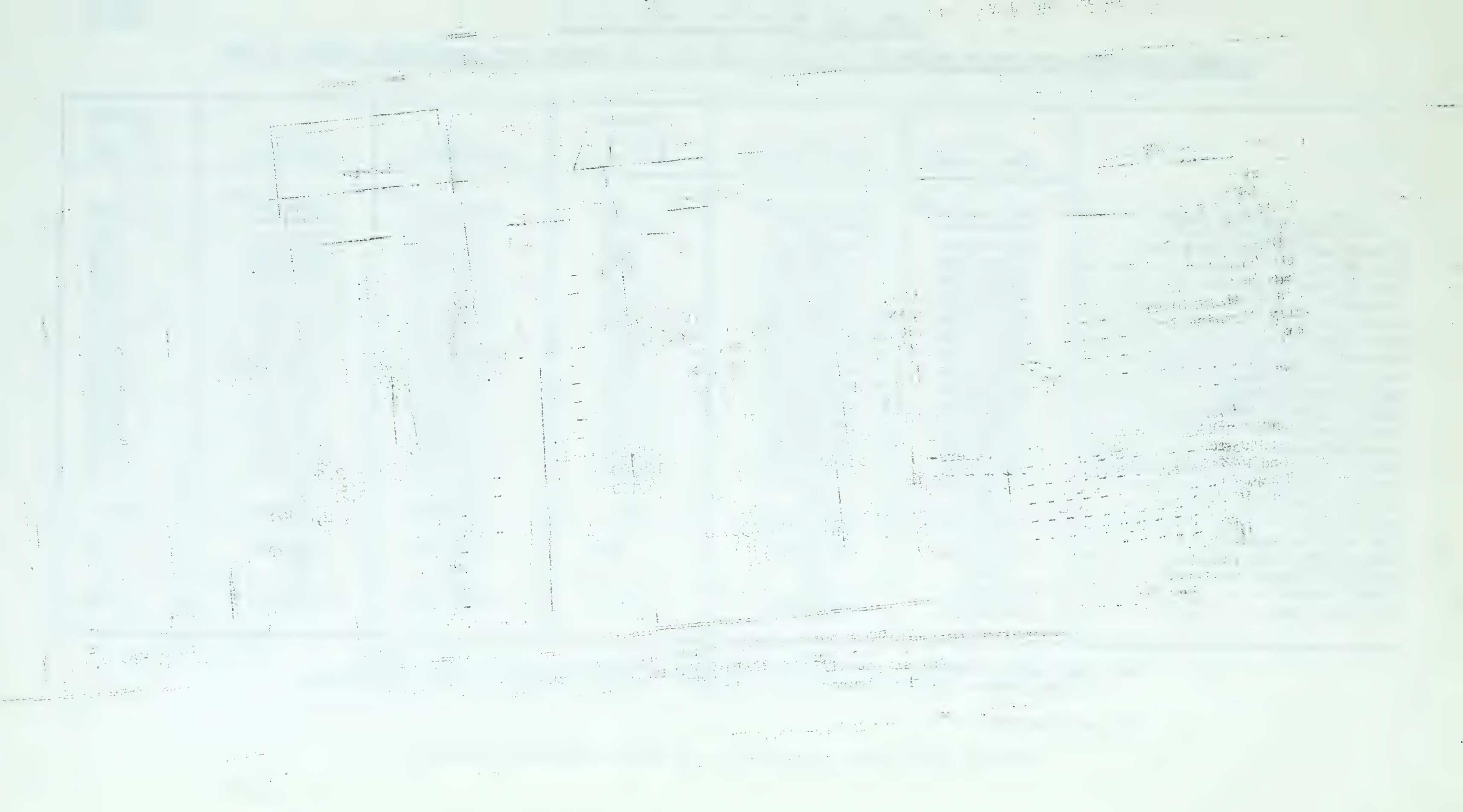
NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan. - Nov.)	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (November)	1954 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	882,109,000(a)	817,555,000(a)	- 7.32	79,674,000(a)	76,501,000(a)	- 3.98
Grocery and Combination Store	107,482,000	112,885,000	5.03	9,610,000	10,514,000	9.41
Meat Stores	13,112,000	13,081,000	- .24	1,191,000	1,245,000	4.53
Country General Stores	55,536,000	53,721,000	- 3.27	5,041,000	5,020,000	- .42
Department Stores	88,985,000	88,613,000	- .42	10,945,000	10,792,000	- 1.40
Variety Store	10,053,000	10,082,000	.29	1,180,000	1,187,000	.59
Motor Vehicle Dealers	197,624,000	165,247,000	- 16.38	13,619,000	11,072,000	- 18.70
Garage and Filling Stations	52,009,000	50,606,000	- 2.70	3,621,000	3,806,000	5.11
Men's Clothing Stores	13,523,000	12,545,000	- 7.23	1,566,000	1,602,000	2.30
Family Clothing Stores	10,767,000	9,608,000	- 10.76	1,195,000	1,034,000	- 13.47
Women"s Clothing Stores	15,801,000	14,589,000	- 7.67	1,570,000	1,547,000	- 1.46
Shoe Stores	5,027,000	4,769,000	- 5.13	517,000	470,000	- 9.09
Hardware Stores	26,037,000	22,243,000	- 14.57	2,568,000	2,153,000	- 16.16
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	53,225,000	47,185,000	- 11.35	5,603,000	5,417,000	- 3.32
Furniture Store	9,864,000	8,969,000	- 9.07	1,012,000	1,046,000	3.36
Appliances and Radio Stores	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Restaurants	36,233,000	30,273,000	- 16.45	3,000,000	2,413,000	- 19.57
Coal and Wood Dealers	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Drug Stores	17,901,000	18,058,000	.88	1,550,000	1,564,000	.90
Jewellery Stores	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
Tobacco Stores	(b)	(b)	-	(b)	(b)	-
All Other Trades	143,708,000	131,775,000	- 8.30	12,590,000	12,948,000	2.84

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individuals operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. II, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.



Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st December, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 12, December 1, 1954

The employment situation in the Prairie region reflected a higher level of activity during November 1954 than in the same month of the previous year. Non-agricultural employment remained at an unusually high level during the month as firm demand continued for construction workers owing to improved weather conditions. Requirements for loggers eased since cutting operations were nearing completion at some of the camps. Employment in agriculture declined somewhat more than seasonally during November, following the unusually small decline a month earlier. Since the total labour force, however, was notably higher than in the same month last year, labour surpluses showed a slight increase.

During the month, moderate labour surpluses developed in seven of the local labour market areas that were formerly in balance. Of the 20 areas in the Prairie region, 12 were in balance, and eight in the moderate labour surplus category at the beginning of December, 1954. At December 1, 1953, 15 were in balance and five were in the moderate surplus category.

CALGARY - Metropolitan Calgary moved from the balanced category to the moderate surplus category. The increase in employment was largely attributable to an influx of workers from farm districts seeking urban jobs for the winter. Employment levels changed very little during the month in the non-agricultural industries. Construction activity was maintained at a very high level and demand continued for carpenters, plasterers, brick layers and labourers.

EDMONTON - Metropolitan Edmonton shifted from the balanced to the moderate surplus category. Employment reductions in road and building construction and oil exploration reached only moderate proportions during November owing to the mild weather. On the other hand, the weather adversely affected lumbering and logging activities, hampering the movement of equipment and supplies. Total industrial employment at the beginning of December was higher than in the same month last year.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of December, 1954, with that existing one year earlier ;in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953,

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1954
			$	$	
Mining	119.2	114.5	77.50	79.48	17,761
Coal	69.5	53.2	67.47	65.55	4,290
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	187.7	195.4	81.66	83.52	12,065
Manufacturing	128.6	130.3	60.20	62.73	26,235
Food and Beverages	121.8	122.2	58.95	60.30	8,985
Meat Products	119.6	122.3	65.10	65.47	3,887
Wood Products	100.5	101.9	49.28	48.55	2,680
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	102.6	95.3	58.29	64.88	1,080
Iron and Steel Products	150.0	152.4	67.73	70.24	2,773
Transportation Equipment	160.2	131.4	60.27	64.06	3,887
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	116.2	135.3	56.95	61.16	2,128
Products of Petroleum and Coal	131.5	138.8	81.55	79.28	1,330
Construction	200.3	213.2	66.24	67.61	23,490
Buildings and Structures (k)	218.2	220.2	71.03	69.81	13,403
Highways, Bridges and Streets	178.2	204.4	58.98	64.68	10,087
Transportation, Storage, Communication	119.7	114.5	62.81	64.62	23,833
Steam Railways	110.8	102.4	66.68	67.17	13,701
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	136.6	137.7	63.28	67.69	3,530
Storage	115.4	110.1	52.27	54.00	2,572
Trade	128.3	129.5	49.83	52.16	25,821
Wholesale	127.7	127.9	54.80	57.71	8,746
Retail	128.7	130.3	47.13	49.32	17,075
Service	119.4	124.6	38.90	40.10	7,248
Hotels and Restaurants	111.4	117.8	38.76	39.12	4,806
Industrial Composite	132.4	133.5	60.47	62.27	134,285

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transporation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

at 1 N O V E M B E R, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953 $	Nov. 1 1954 $	Nov. 1 1954
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	124.6	122.8	62.60	64.43	9,245
Foods and Beverages	113.4	112.9	61.71	63.61	2,833
Transportation Equipment	153.3	122.7	61.12	63.99	2,245
Construction	197.6	209.4	61.48	67.91	4,129
Wholesale Trade	122.1	121.5	55.04	58.18	3,776
Retail Trade	126.5	129.2	48.63	51.12	6,504
Industrial Composite	135.3	137.8	57.15	59.78	33,783
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	142.2	146.6	60.97	63.11	10,862
Foods and Beverages	122.8	124.7	60.16	60.85	3,780
Meat Products	124.5	128.0	62.96	63.12	2,621
Construction	198.0	212.6	72.26	72.36	8,358
Wholesale Trade	142.1	143.3	54.76	57.36	3,624
Retail Trade	131.6	134.2	46.80	48.74	7,772
Industrial Composite	149.5	155.2	58.14	59.67	39,253

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1953 ¢	Nov. 1 1954 ¢	Nov. 1 1953 $	Nov. 1 1954 $	Nov. 1 1954
Coal Mining	36.0	35.5	184.0	181.4	66.24	64.40	3,600
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.6	45.0	168.6	173.2	75.20	77.94	4,313
Manufacturing	40.9	41.2	142.4	147.4	58.24	60.73	18,653
Foods and Beverages	40.9	41.2	137.9	140.1	56.40	57.72	6,257
Meat Products	38.9	39.4	157.3	157.4	61.19	62.02	2,787
Transportation Equipment	39.3	41.2	152.9	153.8	60.09	63.37	3,046
Buildings and Structures (h)	41.1	41.7	172.6	163.5	70.94	68.18	11,129
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.0	42.0	147.2	148.4	58.88	62.33	2,078
Services (j)	41.0	39.9	91.1	92.0	37.35	36.71	4,439

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, November, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, D E C E M B E R 1, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES.

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954 $	Dec. 1 1953 $
Newfoundland	137.8	141.2	198.8	205.1	54.13	54.54
Prince Edward Island	120.5	121.1	155.8	157.5	43.59	43.84
Nova Scotia	98.6	100.2	130.7	132.0	49.58	49.26
New Brunswick	101.9	102.3	136.7	131.9	50.76	48.80
Quebec	115.5	114.6	158.7	155.2	57.30	55.62
Ontario	110.9	114.8	155.2	156.3	61.92	60.28
Manitoba	107.5	108.8	144.0	140.7	56.97	55.03
Saskatchewan	123.4	122.7	170.3	162.0	57.09	54.71
Alberta	133.1	130.1	185.0	174.9	61.68	59.71
British Columbia	107.1	107.1	152.6	152.2	65.02	64.85
Canada - Composite Index	112.6	114.1	156.3	154.9	-	-
Canada - Manufacturing	105.5	110.9	149.7	152.8	62.04	60.29
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	59.62	58.13

SOURCE: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division,

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.